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From a chat with SERGEI[i] [69 groups unrecoverable]
[SWING[ii] assert[a] that HENDERSON[iii] will not be appointed to this post. Thomas REYNOLDS, a correspondent of the CHICAGO SUN who is on very friendly terms with CAPTAIN's [KAPITAN][iv] close adviser - ROSENMAN[v], said that HENDERSON[iii] will be given the post of economic [D] adviser with the Military Administration of Occupied Germany. BUNDLE-DEE [SMEL'[vi] and SWING[ii] consider the most serious candidacy in 1944 is that for the head of the ARSENAL[vii]. They and correspondent HIGHTOWER [KHAJTAUER], who has connections with the BANK[viii], assert that so far the question has not been decided. Several correspondents have named General WEDEMMEYER [VIDEMEYER] as commander of the occupation forces of the COUNTRY [GERMANA][ix], however there is no possibility of checking the information. Apparently one [3 groups unrecovered] General CLARK, but at the instance of MURPHY [MERPE][x] his candidacy has been turned down because he is a Jew.

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T.N.: [a] Or "asserts".

Comments: [i] SERGEJ: Vladimir Sergeevich FRAVDIN.

[ii] SWING: [redacted] radio commentator.

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[iii] HENDERSON, Leon, a prominent economist; later actually appointed to the post mentioned by REYNOLDS.

[iv] KLETTAN: Franklin Delano ROOSEVELT.

[v] ROSENMAN, Samuel Irving. Became special counsel to President ROOSEVELT in 1943.

[vi] SHMEL': apparently at one time a cover-name for David GREENGLASS whose cover name, however, by 14 Nov. 1944 had been changed to KALIBR. All later instances of 'SHMEL' show the person it designates to be a press correspondent. *Walter Lippman*

[vii] ARSENAL: the U.S. Department of War.

[viii] BANK: the U.S. Department of State.

[ix] STRANA: the United States of America.

[x] MURPHY, Frank, appointed justice, U.S. Supreme Court, January 1940.

[xi] MAJ: Pavel Ivanovich FEDOSIMOV.

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